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SUBJECT: BEIRUT PRESS REPORT OF US REFUSAL TO TRAIN LIBYAN
PILOTS

1. BEIRUT PAPERS TODAY ATTRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR ROBERT MCCLOSKEY
STATEMENT THAT US HAS REFUSED TO PERMIT TRAINING OF LIBYAN AIR
FORCE PERSONNEL ON C-130 AIRCRAFT IN US.

2. ON INSIDE PAGES, LEADING PRO-EGYPTIAN "AL-ANWAR", LEADING
LEFTIST PRO-PLO "AL-MUHARRIR", LEFTIST PRO-NASSERITE "AS-SAFIR",
PRO-IRAQI "BEIRUT", PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ", AND PRO-FEDAYEEN
"AL-LIWA", CITING AP AND REUTER, ALL REPORT THAT QUOTE OFFICIAL
OF STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY SAID THAT US HAD ADOPTED FIRMER
ATTITUDE RE LIBYA BECAUSE OF LATTER'S INCREASING OPPOSITON TO
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN MIDEAST. ROBERT MCCLOSKEY, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE, ANNOUNCED THIS CHANGE IN US POLICH IN LETTER
HE SENT TO LES ASPIN, DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN FROM WISCONSIN,
WHO THEN REVEALED ITS CONTENTS. MCCLOSKEY SAID THAT STATE
DEPARTMENT HAD REFUSED A REQUEST BY LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT COMPANY
TO PERMIT TRAINING OF 56 MEMBERS OF LIBYAN AIR FORCE IN US ON
C-130 AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED BY COMPANY. HE ADDED THAT MAIN
REASON FOR REJECTION OF REQUEST WAS INTENSE LIBYAN EFFORTS
IN OPPOSITION TO ATTEMPT TO REACH SETTLEMENT IN MIDEAST. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPT REPEAT AS DESIRED.

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